

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 21 with the following replacement paragraph:

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The present invention includes a recognition of certain problems of previous approaches, including as described herein. In one aspect, the present invention provides for distribution of content by storing content on media in an encrypted or otherwise protected form with the media also having at least a portion which is writeable, e.g., in a user's media reader device, a retail location device, kiosk, vending machine or the like. As used herein, "information content-mastered" refers to a medium in which content is provided on the medium before it reaches the user. A common example is music CD's in which the music is information content-mastered ("ICM") prior to distribution to users. In one aspect, content access information, preferably enabling reading or access to at least portions of the stored content, may be written to or stored on the media, e.g., in exchange for payment. Preferably, the active codes stored on the media are used in conjunction with a media serial number or other media identifier in such a manner that a code which permits access to content on one copy (having a first serial number) will be inoperative to provide access to such content on a second copy (having a second serial number).

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 20 with the following replacement paragraph:

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As depicted in Fig. 1, in one embodiment media are produced by a production system 112, with the media including serial numbers or other preferably unique (or sufficiently distributed) media identifiers and preferably some media including content, for example, audio, video, or other image, text, software or other storable content, at least some of which is encrypted or otherwise read-protected. The media preferably includes at least a portion which is writeable, such as being serially-writeable. Preferably, the content is provided in a relatively efficient fashion such as by injection molding or other mastering techniques. Methods and apparatus which can be used in connection with fabricating appropriate media, reading such media, and/or protecting content are described, e.g., in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/315,398, filed May 20, 1999, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/140,633, filed June 23, 1999, or U.S. Patent Application No. 09/393,150, filed on even date herewith. One or more distribution systems 114 are used for providing such media to users 116 who can, if desired, enable some or all of the protected content 118, e.g., as described below.

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